GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1293
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USE OF JUTE BATCHING OIL/JUTE PACKAGING ACT
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Jute Commissioner of India has requested the I.G. Police of West Bengal for enforcement of Government`s Notification dated 01.09.2001 and 28.08.2001 on Jute Bags both domestic and imported;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the outcome thereof;

(c) whether the Jute Commissioner of India has implemented Ministry of Environment Notification No. GSR 457 dated 04.10.1996 recommending to restrict use of jute batching oil to three percent as late as 28.08.2001 vide Notification No. 828;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the action taken by the Government against the concerned officials and jute mill owners who delayed the implementation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES(SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Jute Commissioner requested the Additional Director General and Inspector General of Police, (Enforcement Branch), West Bengal for enforcement of Jute Commissioner`s Orders dated 28.08.2001 and 01.10.2001 regarding, the use of Jute Batching Oil and printing of name ofcountry of origin respectively. The Inspector General of Police has asked for specific complaints of violations of Jute Commissioner`s Orders.As no specific complaint was received by the Jute Commissioner, no further action was taken.

(c) & (d) The Ministry of Environment & Forests notified the criteria for labelling of textile products as environment friendly vide Government notification dated 04.10.1996, which included jute and jute products also. The notification applicable for all jute products for eco-labelling from the date of its notification.

Another notification dated 28.08.2001 was issued by the Jute Commissioner, with the approval of the Government, making it mandatory restricting the use of Jute Batching Oil to 3%. While the notification dated 04.10.1996 provided an option to jute mills for opting for eco-friendly labelling of their products, the notification dated 28.08.2001 made it mandatory for all the jute mills to restrict the use of Jute Batching Oil to 3% in jute products.

(e) Does not arise.